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TO : Chief, Industrial Division, ORR

FROM : Chief, Consumer Industries Branch, D/I

DATE: 3 March 1958

SUBJECT: Monthly Report for February 1958

1. Accomplishmentsa. Projects Completed

- (1) "The Housing Problem in the European Satellites, 1948-58" (38.1741) was completed by [REDACTED] 25X1A9a X

b. Status of Other Projects

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- (1) [REDACTED] again spent most of the month working with members of A/U in revising and bringing up to date "Soviet Ruble-Dollar Ratios for Consumer Goods" (10.1626). He also worked on "Price Trends in Consumer Expenditures in the USSR" (30.1534) and "The Soviet Atomic Energy Program" (20.1783). The branch is making a short contribution to the latter in the form of estimates of light industry's consumption of electric power. ✓

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- (2) [REDACTED] continued work on "Expenditure on Consumer Expenditures in the USSR" (30.1771). He spent a week working on wages in retail trade in support of an A/U project on the national accounts of the USSR (14.1894). ✓

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- (3) [REDACTED] continued work on "Soviet Industrial Production Index" (10.2029). She also completed the bulk of the follow-up work with the editors on "Synthetic Fibers and Fabrics in the USSR" (30.1911), which is moving rapidly toward publication. ✓

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- (4) [REDACTED] started work on the domestic trade subsection of Section 65 of NIS 13A on East Germany (40.2068). X

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- (5) [REDACTED] worked on revising and bringing up to date information on production in light industry in the European Satellites, in support of the Estimate Files project for the briefing and statistical handbooks (00.2066); [REDACTED] also worked on this project for the USSR and Far East respectively. ✓

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- (6) [REDACTED] continued work on "Communist China's Trade and Transport" (40.1833).

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- (7) [REDACTED] spent most of the month coordinating and incorporating changes in Section 64 of the Albanian NIS (30.1823), as suggested in reviews of the first draft by the Deputy Division Chief and the ERA NIS Coordinator. He was not able to resume work on "Industrial Capital Investment in Communist China" (30.1535).

2. Training

25X1A9a a. [REDACTED] began teaching his third class in the ORR course "Economic Statistics (Introduction).

25X1A9a b. [REDACTED] both started the ORR Report Writing Course.

25X1A9a c. [REDACTED] started the ORR course "Economic Statistics (Introduction)".

25X1A9a d. [REDACTED] started the 20-hour Basic Typing Course.

3. Trips and Speeches

25X1A9a a. [REDACTED] took part in an ORR panel discussion at the US Army Strategic Intelligence School on 26 February. He spoke on "Current Problems in the Industrial Development of the USSR."

4. Administration

25X1A9a a. [REDACTED] Clerk-Typist, was transferred to the Current Support Staff, effective 17 February.

25X1A9a b. [REDACTED] was promoted to GS-14, effective 9 February. X

25X1A9a c. [REDACTED] was promoted to GS-11, effective 9 February. X

d. Requirements: Requirements for the ORR Reading Panel were revised during the month, with the result that our four major sets of requirements are up to date as follows:

(1) Requirements for ORR Reading Panel, revised 6 Feb 58.

(2) Requirements (limited to items of highest current priority) disseminated by the ORR Reading Panel.

Staff, ORR, for use by other parts of the Agency and other members of the intelligence community, sent out as RD C-1731, 3 Dec 57. x

- (3) Requirements for FDD and other translating groups, 7 Jan 58. x
- (4) Requirements for photographs from the Graphics Register, 25 Sep 57. x

5. Plans

- a. The tentative branch program for FY 58 was drafted during the month. The major self-initiated project that is being proposed is a study of "Light Industry in the USSR, 1950-59," for which M/AG is expected to supply a major contribution on the food-processing industries. The biggest difficulty with planning for FY 59 and the second half of FY 58 is the lack of information on whether or not projects on the outlook in East Germany and in Hungary will finally be scheduled. x

6. Problems

Nothing to report.

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